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2. OPEC Resolutions Published. The six resolutions passed by the second session of the Fifth OPEC Conference held in Riyadh in December 1963 were published in the Saudi press on January 20, 1964. The first and most important establishes a special three-man committee (Ruhani, Iran; Bazzaz, Iraq; and Nazir, Saudi Arabia) to continue negotiations with the oil companies on behalf of OPEC member states and to report "final results" in Geneva on April 1, 1964. Other resolutions provide for codification of petroleum legislation of member countries, formation of a high court and the creation of a special committee to follow trends in crude oil prices. The conference also appointed Doctor 'Abd al-Rahman al-Bazzaz to replace Fuad Ruhani as Secretary General effective May 1, 1964 and decided that the next conference would be held in Indonesia some time in 1964. (CONFIDENTIAL)

Comment: By forming the special negotiating committee referred to above, OPEC members avoided a threatened split in their ranks and provided an additional three-month grace period in which to attempt to work out an agreement with the oil companies. (CONFIDENTIAL)

MILITARY

1. DOD Team Presents Air Defense Survey. Ambassador and Chief of U.S. Military Training Mission accompanied DOD team to Riyadh January 20 where it briefed Minister of Defense Prince Sultan and key Saudi staff officers on air defense survey report which inter alia recommends wide range military equipment purchases by SAC. Report embodied findings of detailed DOD survey of Saudi air defense requirements made in September 1963. Presentation was well received and stimulated considerable interest on part Defense Ministry officials.

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Joint MODA-USMTM team began meetings at Prince Sultan's request in Dhahran January 25 to review entire report and develop detailed costs. As measure of Minister Sultan's interest in report he has set two weeks as maximum period for committee's work and is to receive twice daily progress reports.

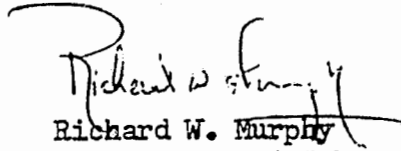
DOD has approved making report available, provided concurrence received from Minister Defense, to U.S. company representatives who will be competing to sell major items of equipment. (CONFIDENTIAL)

PSYCHOLOGICAL

1. Deputy Under Secretary Johnson's Speech. During past week Saudi press published extensive reprints of adverse statements made elsewhere in Arab world and similarly critical original articles about speech on U.S. policy towards Near East by Deputy Under Secretary U. Alexis Johnson. Most common local assertions were: in its timing it was designed to deflate Arab sentiments which had been lifted by Cairo Summit Conference; it was blatant encouragement to Israel to depend on U.S. aid in case of Israeli-Arab conflict; it represented interference in Arab affairs. Some local observers complained as well that speech was cold and presumptuous in tone. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

Comment: Embassy furnished Foreign Ministry and local press with full text of speech. Text has not been published and it is apparent that adverse comment represents secondhand parroting of critical remarks broadcast by area media. Despite apparent furor Embassy believes Deputy Under Secretary's speech will not have any lasting impact on Saudi-U.S. relations although it is probably too early to determine its effect on public opinion which will be determined to considerable degree by play given speech by Cairo Radio and other Arab information media. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

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